I won't be the president of anything for much longer.

"President"? Heh.

I'm so sorry, sir. As the company president, you must—

Financially, our company is in dire straits.

Say no more. There was no other option.

The Desmond Group...

MISSION 28

...that in less than a month's time, Glooman Pharmaceuticals ...

I only wish I knew how to tell my son...

ONE DAY LAST MONTH

GLOOM

We have officially come to an agreement.

It goes into effect on the tenth of next month.

...will cease to exist.

TRAP

TRAP

TRAP

TRAP

MISSION 28

PRESENT DAY

SWISH

SWISH

AHH... EVERYTHING'S SO NICE AND CALM NOW THAT MIDTERMS ARE OVER.

I BET PAPA'LL BE MORE RELAXED NOW THAT I'VE DODGED THAT TONITRUS BOLT.

SO WHAT'S HE LIKE? IS HE STRICT? DOES HE GET ANGRY?

RUMBLE

DES-MOND-STYLE ...

But monster-mode Loid sounds really hot. ♡

IS HE? IT CAN BE HARD ON KIDS WHEN THEIR PARENTS HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

A total perfeck-shunist.

PAPA'S A MONSTER. (ABOUT HIS MISSION.)

BWA HA HA! THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT, BOSS!

THANKS TO YOU, THE SCHOOL-YARD IS SPOTLESS.

HEH.

KOFF KOFF

FWOOSH

... ROLLING SWEEE-EEEEP!

GOTTA GET CLOSE TO HIM ...

OOH, I WANNA COME!

HOW ABOUT RUNNING A STUDY GROUP AT YOUR HOUSE BEFORE THE NEXT EXAM?!

KYAA

YOU KNOW IT.

KYAA

I'D EXPECT NO LESS FROM SOMEONE WHO'S EARNED A STELLA STAR.

WOW! YOU'RE EVEN A MASTER AT USING THE BROOM!

You were spinning so fast!

WHAT THING...?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU HAVE A THING FOR HIM.

SHF

Sorry I called him a brat.

I WANNA GO TO SY-ON BOY'S STUDY GROUP TOO!

AFTER MIDTERMS, I THOUGHT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN WRONG ABOUT HIM, BUT HE REALLY IS JUST AN OBNOXIOUS BRAT!

Little suck-ups, fawning all over him...

I HATE YOU SO MUCH.

RMB

KRAK

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!

RMB

DON'T ACT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

RMB

LOOK

LOOK

?

I WILL NEVER, EVER, EVER FORGIVE YOU!

RMB RMB RMB

HEY, THANKS!

I BROUGHT YOU THE DUSTPAN, DAMIAN.

...

HOW DID MY PLAN FAIL?

HOW DID YOU GET THAT STELLA STAR?

HOW ...

UM, HE'S ONE OF OUR CLASS-MATES.

THAT GUY...? YOU MEAN GEORGE?

WHO IS THAT GUY?

You know, George Glooman?

Yes, Master George.

I want you to hire the best spy that three months' worth of allowance can buy.

GRR GRR GRR

I HAD MY BUTLER HIRE A SPY TO CHANGE HIS TEST SCORES! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT WRONG!

J

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT *HIM.*

Who is he?

SO SERIOUSLY, ANYA, DO YOU REALLY LIKE DAMIAN?

WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! SO YOU'LL JUST FALL FOR LITERALLY ANY BOY?!

STARE

ONE OF MY CLASSMATES HIRED A SPY?!

WHOA

NO, GEORGE, DON'T GIVE UP YET. YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET DAMIAN EXPELLED!

YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM GEORGE! THAT GUY ALWAYS SEEMS SO GLOOMY.

The guy Papa fought the other day?!

HM?

SWISH

HE'S TRYING TO GET SY-ON BOY EXPELLED?!

WHOA

...IS A CIGARETTE BUTT!

RMB

RMB

RMB

THIS...

HEY, QUIT IT! I TOLD YOU THAT'S NOT MINE!

GRAB

TEACHER! OVER HERE, PLEASE!

HUH? IT'S NOT MINE! I'VE NEVER SMOKED IN MY LIFE!

DAMIAN, SAY IT ISN'T SO!

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

NGH ...

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!

WHA ...?

?!

WHH

ACK

ARGH!

IS THIS TRUE ?!

WHAT ?!

OWW...

I FOUND A CIGARETTE BUTT, AND WHEN I CALLED FOR A TEACHER, DAMIAN PUNCHED ME...

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU TWO ARE DAMIAN'S FLUNKIES. YOUR WORD MEANS NOTHING.

DAMIAN WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

DAMIAN DESMOND, EXPLAIN YOURSELF AT ONCE! IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, YOU'RE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

GEORGE IS A DIRTY LIAR!

What happened?

SHAAA!!

...WOULD NEVER DO THAT.

KRIK

SY-ON BOY...

DON'T CALL TEACHERS OVER FOR NONSENSE! NOW GET BACK TO CLEANING!

Yeesh.

FWIP

WHAT IS WITH THOSE EYES OF HERS?! IT'S LIKE SHE CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH PEOPLE! ISN'T SHE THE ONE WHO RECEIVED A TONITRUS BOLT DURING ORIENTATION? TWENTY YEARS OF TEACHER'S INTUITION IS SCREAMING THIS GIRL IS BAD NEWS!

D...

I SAW IT ALL. THAT BOY THREW HIMSELF TO THE GROUND.

...

THAT WAS SOOOOO COOL, ANYA! EVEN I TOTALLY SQUEED!

KYAAA!

SQUEED ...?

LETTING YOU GET EXPELLED WOULD ONLY HURT ME TOO. (BECAUSE OF PLAN B!)

HEH!

OMG!

YOU...

YES! WHY DID YOU INTERFERE?!

W-W-WHAT DID YOU JUST DO? I NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR HELP! LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHAT?!

?

AND NOW DAMIAN KNOWS EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL!♡ RIIIGHT? ♡

GR

RR R RR

ULP

DAMMIT! IT'S ALL OVER NOW! JUST LIKE MY WHOLE LIFE!

BWAAHH!

PAPAPAP

...IS BANK-RUPT?

YOUR FAMILY'S COMPANY ...

GLOOM

I MEAN, THAT SUCKS AND ALL, BUT WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

THAT'S RIGHT. AS OF TODAY.

...

I THOUGHT IF YOU FAILED THE MIDTERM OR GOT EXPELLED, YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE TOO DISTRACTED TO BOTHER WITH US.

YOU KNOW, I DID SEE SOMETHING IN THE NEWS INVOLVING GLOOMAN PHARMACEUTICALS AND THE DESMOND GROUP...

HUH ...?

IT WAS YOUR FAMILY'S BUSINESS THAT DROVE MY FAMILY'S INTO BANKRUPTCY.

WE "DROVE" YOU OUT OF BUSINESS? MY DAD'S COMPANY ISN'T LIKE THAT!

I'M SURE THERE'S SOME BUSINESS REASON FOR WHAT HAPPENED. DON'T DRAG ME INTO IT!

HE'S NOT WRONG, YOU KNOW! THIS IS TOO MUCH!

YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE MY HAVING TO LEAVE SCHOOL ANY EASIER.

WOOOO

HUH...? YOU'RE LEAVING ...?

WITH OUR BUSINESS GONE, OUR FAMILY WILL BE OUT ON THE STREET TOMORROW.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THAT WILL BE THE END OF MY EDEN EDUCATION.

HEH HEH... YOU KNOW, I REALLY ENVY YOU, DAMIAN.

YOU HAVE A PROMINENT FAMILY, AND YOU'RE POPULAR ...

YOU REALLY ARE STELLA STAR MATERIAL.

YOU'RE NOT TRASH LIKE ME. YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE ME.

D-DAMIAN EARNED HIS STELLA STAR! HIS FAMILY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!

THE ONLY THING KEEPING YOU FROM BEING POPULAR IS YOU! THAT'S ALL ON YOU! You mope!

GUYS, C'MON ...

His flunkies are jerks too...

GASP

WAAAAHHH!

NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THIS FEELS!

SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

DUDE, NO ONE'S CALLING YOU THAT.

Calm down.

TRASH LIKE ME, PICKING UP LITERAL TRASH... IT'S ALMOST POETIC, DON'T YOU THINK? AH HA HA HA!

EVEN JUST PICKING UP THIS GARBAGE WILL BE A MOMENT I CHERISH FOREVER! AH HA HA!

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

ALL I EVER WANTED WAS TO SPEND THE SPRINGTIME OF MY LIFE AT THIS SCHOOL!

AND NOW THAT DREAM IS DEAD AND BURIED!

O O!

GLARE

ER, NO... OF COURSE JUICE ISN'T GONNA HELP... Sorry.

JUST... CHEER UP, OKAY? LET ME GET YOU SOME JUICE OR SOMETHING.

I curse thee, world!

SOB ...

Ah geez ...

SLUUURRRP

C-COOL.

THANK YOU. I DO FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.

TMP TMP

UH... RIGHT ...

IT WILL BE THE LAST JUICE I EVER DRINK HERE.

AFTER ALL, IT'S MY LAST DAY AT SCHOOL.

UM... I'LL GO BUY HIM ONE.

GLOOOOOM

NO, I THINK I DO WANT A JUICE.

Right now.

MUTTER

HUH?

FW

...I NEVER GOT TO ORDER THE DELUXE CAVIAR BOWL AT THE CAFETERIA. NOT EVEN ONCE.

I I I S H

IT'S JUST THAT ...

...

IF I LEAVE SCHOOL WITHOUT EVER HAVING TRIED IT, I KNOW THE REGRET WILL GNAW AT ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

I WORKED HARD TO EARN ONE TOO, BUT AFTER LEARNING OF THE BANKRUPTCY, I COULDN'T FOCUS ON MY STUDIES.

AS FOOLISH AS IT WAS, I LET MY MISPLACED ANGER TOWARD DAMIAN DRIVE ME INSTEAD...

Sob...

GLOOM

OH, COME ON...

OH, AND I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO WEAR A STELLA STAR.

I WONDER IF ANYONE WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN ME ONE...

MUNCH MUNCH

Somebody take my picture!

SPARKLE SPARKLE

WHEEE!

You better give that right back!

WON'T YOU PLEASE LET ME ENJOY THESE LAST FLEETING MOMENTS OF FREEDOM?

Is trash like me not even worthy of that?

...

KNOWING A LIFE OF SLAVERY IN WESTALIS AWAITS ME...

Poor, poor me.

AND THAT'S WHEN I'LL PROBABLY END UP ON THE BLOCK AT A WESTALIS SLAVE MARKET.

BY THIS TIME NEXT MONTH, MY FAMILY WILL BE FLAT BROKE.

GLOOM

OKAY, NEXT...

HEY! YOU'RE REALLY PUSHING YOUR LUCK NOW!

...

SHAHHH

THE WEST IS A PEACEFUL COUNTRY. (AND PAPA AND HIS BOSS LADY ARE GOOD PEOPLE.)

PAT PAT

IT'LL BE OKAY.

I'VE NEVER BEEN TREATED SO KINDLY BEFORE.

EVERYONE HERE IS SO NICE.

...BUT STILL SHE SEEKS TO REASSURE ME?

SHE OBVIOUSLY KNOWS NOTHING OF WESTALIS...

DRIP DRIP

SALTY WATER IS POURING FROM MY EYES...!

SNIFF

HUH?

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

PLIP

I HAD HOPED TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE POWER OF SONG.

BUT I GUESS... I GUESS WE'LL NEVER...

AW... IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY WE COULD...

I HAD BEEN SO LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CHORUS PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

DRIP DRIP DRIP

SNIFF

GEORGE ...

WOULD YOU ALL GRANT ME ONE LAST REQUEST?

LAA LA LAA

LAA LAA

Really?!

BECKY ...?

LA LA LA LAAAAA ♫

YOU GUYS ...

LA LA LA LAAAAA ♩

LA LA LA LAAAAA ♪

LAAAA

I WILL TREASURE THIS MEMORY FOREVER!

EVERY-ONE... THANK YOU!

GEORGE, HERE...TAKE THIS.

EVEN AFTER YOU LEAVE HERE, DON'T FORGET US, OKAY?

DAMIAN ...

QUIVER

IT'S A SET OF MY FAVORITE STATIONERY.

So you know it's not cheap.

SNIFF

YOU CAN HAVE THIS LEAF I FOUND ON THE ROAD.

TO REMEM-BER ME BY.

GUYS, I... SOB...

YOU CAN HAVE MY WATCH.

TAKE THIS. IT'S MY FAVORITE BOOK!

I'LL TURN THIS PAIN IN MY HEART INTO STRENGTH. MY LIFE MAY BE ONE OF ENDLESS HARDSHIP, BUT I WILL FACE IT WALKING TALL AND PROUD!

THANK YOU. I PROMISE I'LL DO MY BEST.

FWIIIISH

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A PART OF CECILE HALL!

HAVE FUN AT WHATEVER SCHOOL YOU GO TO NEXT!

FARE-WELL, MY BELOVED EDEN ACADEMY.

FARE-WELL, MY DEAR FRIENDS.

BUT I'M NOT QUITE CLEAR HOW GLOOMAN PHARMACEUTICALS BEING BOUGHT OUT EQUATES TO BANKRUPTCY...

...AND THEN HE LEFT.

What a beautiful story!

I...I SEE.

W-WHAT ...?

...I CAN STILL GO TO SCHOOL ...?

W-WAIT... SO...I WON'T BE SOLD INTO SLAVERY, AND...

FLOMP

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HOWEVER, AND I HAVE DREADED HAVING TO TELL YOU THIS... MY TITLE AS PRESIDENT, AND THE GLOOMAN CORPORATE NAME, HAVE NOT SURVIVED THE TRANSI-TION.

OUR COMPANY WAS NEAR INSOLVENCY, BUT THE DESMOND GROUP SAVED US.

WE WILL HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP, BUT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE DESMOND GROUP FOR MAKING A PLACE FOR MYSELF AND OUR R&D TEAMS, AMONG OTHERS, AT THE NEW COMPANY.

...

PSST PSST

CHATTER CHATTER

CHIRP CHIRP

YOU'LL CONTINUE ATTENDING SCHOOL, TOMORROW AND EVERY DAY AFTER.

Have you done your homework?

PSST PSST PSST

FLUSH

PAT PAT

YOU'RE GONNA PAY US BACK FOR THAT JUICE, YA KNOW.

HRMPH

I TRUST YOU'LL BE RETURNING EVERYTHING YOU WERE GIVEN.

HRMPH

SPY×FAMILY